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Town of Mansfield  
Community Quality of Life Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday, July 1, 2010

Present: Denise Keane, Toni Moran, David Morse  
Staff: Mike Ninteau, Jim Hintz (UConn)

1. Lacking a quorum, and hence unable to make decisions, the committee conversed about items on the planned agenda.
2. David Morse agreed to serve as recording secretary.
3. Minutes were not read, since they could not be approved.
4. Comments from the public  
One person spoke. Chuck Foster indicated his interest in the QOL committee. He resides at Glen Ridge, recently retired from 40 years in town planning. He indicated he has read our minutes and has approached the Committee on Committees. His professional planning experience does not include towns heavily impacted, as ours is, by a large university.
5. Chairperson's Report  
Toni Moran described a recent stay in Ithaca, NY, which has many of the same issues as Mansfield: party houses, absentee landlords, and corresponding efforts at crafting ordinances. Cornell does not have a counterpart to Spring Weekend, though it is about the same size as UConn.
6. Communications
  - (a) Keystone Company Water Memo. Toni reported that the Town Council had found the unsigned letter from Keystone Companies, LLC "alarming," for its assumption that its proposed Ponde Place project was proceeding apace, with water to be brought from Tolland, when in fact no official approval has been given.
  - (b) New Town Council Resolution not discussed.
  - (c) Toni's letter to Joe Briody in response to his resignation was not discussed, but thought appropriate.
7. Items of Business
  - (a) David read aloud an e-mail he had sent to Birchwood Hgts and other neighborhoods urging support for the parking ordinance, despite its flaws. He voiced concern that the T.O.M. was not providing clear leadership. Toni said the Town could not really "rally" support, that at this point it is a citizens' issue. She plans to speak as an individual in favor at the July 12 Town Meeting.
  - (b) Jake Friedman was permitted to speak as a member of the public in regard to the parking ordinance. He considers the ordinance "over the top" in intrusion into people's lives and discriminatory to

owners of a minority share in a house. He had considered proposing a “more moderate” parking ordinance, but thought it would be too confusing if offered at the same time he was circulating the petition calling for the Town Meeting.

(c) Mike Nintean suggested postponing discussion of the Nuisance House ordinance, particularly as he had received Dennis O’Brien’s legal opinion only this afternoon. Mike referred the Model Lease matter to Jim Hintz, who agreed to send it to members of the Committee in advance of our next meeting. Jim said he would wait for the next meeting to present the statistics on police referrals, as he didn’t want them to be misunderstood without context. Mike asked Toni for clarification concerning the new protocols for hearing members of the public.

8. The meeting disbanded without formal adjournment.